



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.usplo.gov

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. CONFIRMATION NO. APPLICATION NO. FIRST NAMED INVENTOR FILING DATE 9326.001.00 4996 09/852,732 05/11/2001 David L. Huie EXAMINER 7590 12/22/2004 MCKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE LLP KNOWLIN, THJUAN P 1900 K STREET, NW ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER WASHINGTON, DC 20006 2642

DATE MAILED: 12/22/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Applicant(s) Application No. HUIE, DAVID L. 09/852,732 Advisory Action **Art Unit** Examiner 2642 Thiuan P Knowlin -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --THE REPLY FILED 05 November 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)] a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection. b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). 1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on 05 November 2004. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because: (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below); (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below); (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims. NOTE: See Response to Arguments. 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s). 5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Response to Arguments. 6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection. 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: NONE. Claim(s) objected to: 22.

Examiner: Thjuan P. Knowlin Phone: (703) 308-1727

10. Other: ____

Claim(s) rejected: 1-35.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: NONE.

8. The drawing correction filed on ____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

Application/Control Number: 09/852,732

Art Unit: 2642

Response to Arguments

- 1. Applicant's arguments filed 11/05/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
- 2. The After-Final Amendment will not be entered, because the amendment of claims 1, 6, 20, and 24, such as the limitation regarding "sending an initial address message having a redirection counter set to a maximum allowed value at an origination switch," was added to claims 1, 6, 20, and 24, after the Final Rejection, therefore, requiring further consideration and/or search by the Examiner. Applicant also argues that Bertacchi fails to teach the limitations of claims 8 and 14, which recite, "preventing the call from being completed," and "initiating fraud prevention activity." These limitations, however, are found in Bertacchi.
- 3. In regards to claims 8 and 14, Applicant argues that Bertacchi fails to teach, "preventing the call from being completed," and "initiating fraud prevention activity." Examiner respectfully disagrees with this argument. Bertacchi does teach preventing the call from being completed (col. 7 lines 26-40) and initiating fraud prevention activity (col. 2-3 lines 62-3 and col. 7 lines 26-40).

AHMAD MATAR

Who Mik

Page 2

SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER